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In re patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS EMPLOYING THE

CB10 PEPTIDE OF MAMMALIAN TYPE II COLLAGEN AS AN ANTIGEN

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

## **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of U.S. application No. 09/623,497, filed November 20, 2000, which is a U.S. national stage application of PCT/AU98/00176, filed March 18, 1998.